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November 21, 2013

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The Honorable Scott DesJarlais
U.S. House of Representatives
413 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DesJarlais:

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The Honorable Bob W. Goodlatte
U.S. House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

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